

Please reject NAB's petition 04-160 and support XM Satellite Radio's ability to provide traffic and weather information. This is not confidential information, or information that is owned by anybody, and trying to keep the satellite radio companies from broadcasting this information is a freedom of speech issue. It is also a disservice to the millions of subscribers of satellite radio who have come to embrace this feature.

I have personally found XM's Traffic & Weather to be very useful, and think it's a justification for having an XM Satellite Radio \*because\* it's so useful.

If you want traffic information on a regular radio station, you have to wait through 10 or 15 minutes of talk and advertisements, by which time you have already had to decide which way to go. With XM, you can get instant traffic all of the time. You can sit in your car and listen to it for a few minutes before heading out.

They also provide traffic reports on the weekends and in the middle of the night, which is available on only one radio station in the Bay Area that I know of.

Additionally, I have found that the AM radio station I listen to does not give all of the traffic problems every time they relate the traffic information. It depends on how much time they have allocated.

Please don't let yourselves be bullied into supporting something that is so obviously not in the interest of the American people.

Sincerely,  
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